



**September 1, 2013**

Dear CCMTAC Members,

I hope that all of you had a wonderful summer. I am looking forward to serving all of you as our branch president for the next 2 years. Our first general meeting will be on Thursday, September 19<sup>th</sup> at the Round Hill Country Club, Alamo (see address below). This is a mandatory meeting for all teachers planning to enter students in Certificate of Merit for 2014. Those attending will also receive their copy of the directory. The meeting will begin at 9:30 am. Please come early to enjoy complimentary coffee, tea, and pastries. There will also be FREE valet parking.

Best Regards,  
Jeanette Dreifuerst, President

### **COMING UP THIS FALL...**

- September 1: **Violin Concert with James Greening-Valenzuela**, CCMTAC teacher, will take place at 7:00p.m., Orinda Community Church, 10 Irwin Way, Orinda, suggested donation \$10
- September 5: **CCMTAC Board Meeting**, 10:00 am, Lafayette Library, Redwood Room, any CCMTAC member may attend.
- September 5: **Deadline for PAS music ensemble workshop** (Nov. 17<sup>th</sup> event)
- September 8: **Sonata Contest Registration opens.**
- September 19: **General Meeting**, 9:30 am. Round Hill Country Club, 3169 Roundhill Road, Alamo. Mandatory for all teachers entering students in Certificate of Merit.
- October 1-31: **Certificate of Merit Database** opens for registration.
- October 6: **Student Recital**, 2:00 pm. Orinda Community Church, 10 Irwin Way, Orinda.
- October 10: **Teacher's Performance Workshop**, 9:30 am. Home of Tanya Heeb, 2541 Appaloosa Ct., Walnut Creek
- October 15: **Applications available for PAS scholarship competition** for middle and high school students at their website [www.ccpas.org](http://www.ccpas.org) (Jan. 26<sup>th</sup> event)
- October 15: **Registration for Sonata Contest closes**
- November 17: **Sonata Contest**
- November 17: **CC Performing Arts Society** music ensemble workshop and scholarship competition, 12:30 p.m. Bentley School, 1000 Upper Happy Valley Rd., Lafayette
- November 21: **Program with Prof. William Corbet Jones** on Franz Schubert, 10:00 a.m. Steinway and Sons, Walnut Creek

## **NEW MEMBERS**

We would like to welcome 11 new members who joined our branch this past year:

Karen Cruz, Piano and Music Education, Walnut Creek

Bethany Wang, Piano, Danville

Dwight Albert Stone, Voice and Piano, Walnut Creek

Colleen Henry, Piano, Orinda

Oxana B. Nero, Piano, San Ramon (transferred from Alameda Co. East)

Carole Gardner, Piano, Concord (transfer from Orange Co. West)

Patricia Bauer, Piano, Walnut Creek

Ruth Brown, Piano, Concord

Alexandra Davydova, Piano, Walnut Creek (Student Member)

Clarissa Lee, Piano, Clayton (Cal Plan Member)

Judy King, Piano, Livermore (Contributory Member, Active Member Alameda East)

## **IMPORTANT INFORMATION ABOUT OUR PROGRAMS...**

### **SONATA CONTEST**

The Sonata Contest will be held this year on Sunday, November 17<sup>th</sup> at the Orinda Community Church, with preliminaries held that morning in Orinda area homes and studios. Registration will open on September 8<sup>th</sup> and close on October 15<sup>th</sup>. You may register students through our branch website at [www.ccmtac.org](http://www.ccmtac.org), under "Programs", then "Sonata Contest". The repertoire list has been posted on the website as a pdf which can be downloaded. If you have any further questions, please contact Kirsten West at [88keywest@gmail.com](mailto:88keywest@gmail.com).

Kirsten West, Chair

### **STUDENT RECITALS**

Our first monthly student recital will be Sunday, October 6<sup>th</sup> at 2:00 pm. All student recitals are held at Orinda Community Church, 10 Irwin Way, Orinda. Please register your students online at [ccmtac.org](http://ccmtac.org). The procedures are the same as last year, and may be found in our directory.

Barbara Anderson, Chair

### **BAROQUE FESTIVAL**

Now is the time to help your students choose Baroque repertoire to share at Contra Costa's annual Baroque Festival. We especially appreciate hearing selections by the lesser known composers of that era. The festival will take place at the Orinda Community Church, 10 Irwin Way, Orinda. Dates are Friday, February 7<sup>th</sup> and Saturday, February 8<sup>th</sup>, 2014. More information will be available on the website under "Programs" then "Baroque Festival" by the end of September. The entry fees are to be sent to Carlene Reeves, 1025 Hacienda Dr., Walnut Creek, 94598 before December 20<sup>th</sup>, 2013.

Carlene Reeves, Chair

## TEACHER'S PERFORMANCE WORKSHOPS

The first meeting is Thursday, October 10 at Tanya Heeb's residence, 2541 Appaloosa Ct., Walnut Creek. Please rsvp by e-mail to [bandersonpiano@aol.com](mailto:bandersonpiano@aol.com), or phone 925-254-5049. These meetings can be a rehearsal for an upcoming performance, a sharing of teaching pieces, or sharing studio problems. For new members, this is a great way to get to know other members in a smaller setting.

Barbara Anderson, Chair

## VOCE (Voice, Orchestral Instruments, Chamber Music and Ensembles)

Activities for this year will be announced in the October newsletter. However, here are the basic guidelines for future planning.

Solo performers: open to voice, string, wind and brass students. Soloists should be at CM level 5 or higher. We welcome student accompanist from studios of piano teachers from our branch. Piano students must be at CM level 7 or higher.

Chamber Music Ensembles: Ensembles may include piano, voice, string, wind, and brass students. Piano duets are not a part of the VOCE program. All student performers must study with CCMTAC members.

Anyone with questions about VOCE should contact James Greening-Valenzuela by email at [jgrv@juno.com](mailto:jgrv@juno.com).

James Greening-Valenzuela Chair

## CERTIFICATE OF MERIT

The dates for Contra Costa CM evaluations in 2014 are **March 8, 9, 16 and 22**. The [mtac.org](http://mtac.org) CM database will open for registration on October 1st and will close on October 31<sup>st</sup>. Fees must be submitted to Judy Morrison, branch chair, along with your work contract. Please remember that you must attend the **mandatory meeting** on September 19<sup>th</sup>, 9:30 am at the Round Hill Country Club in Alamo! On January 2, 2013 the database will open again. At this time, teachers will enter evaluation information, request a date, and enter repertoire.

Judy Morrison, Chair

## PROGRAMS

Program Chairs Lynda McManus and Sue Farmer have been working on some really exciting programs for 2013-2014. On November 21<sup>st</sup> Professor William Corbet Jones will present a lecture on the piano music of Franz Schubert. The meeting will be held at Steinway and Sons, 1605 Bonanza Street, Walnut Creek at 10:00 am. So mark your calendars now!

## OTHER ITEMS OF INTEREST...

### JOB OPPORTUNITY

A new music studio will be opening in Danville. They are looking for teachers of any instrument. Their email address is [daylightmagic@gmail.com](mailto:daylightmagic@gmail.com). You may also contact Sharon Yost at [sharonspiano@att.net](mailto:sharonspiano@att.net) if you have any questions.

## CONTRA COSTA PERFORMING ARTS SOCIETY

The Performing Arts Society is presenting a music ensemble workshop and scholarship competition on Sunday, November 17, 2013 from 12:30 to 9:00 p.m. at Bentley School, 1000 Upper Happy Valley Road, Lafayette, CA 94549. Apply online at

<http://www.ccpas.org/index.php/Students/Student-Music-Ensemble-Workshop-and-Scholarship-Competition/> Additional questions, please contact Yurika Kazama at [pas\\_students@yahoo.com](mailto:pas_students@yahoo.com). Please see the email sent by me, [Jeanette@opendomain.com](mailto:Jeanette@opendomain.com), on August 27<sup>th</sup> for the flyer with more information.

The Performing Arts Society is also presenting a scholarship competition on January 26, 2014 open to middle and high school students. The application will be available online on October 15<sup>th</sup> at [www.ccpas.org](http://www.ccpas.org). Please refer to the flyer sent via email on August 28<sup>th</sup> for more information.

*“Music is enough for a lifetime, but a lifetime is not enough for music.”*

*Sergei Rachmaninov*